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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith together with a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report with Annex for counterpart European Application No. EP 04 74 8260 wherein the listed documents were cited.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, since the conditions therefore apply, Applicant submits herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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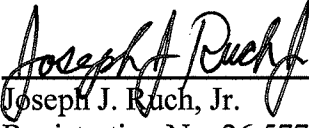
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